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**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): AN AUTO-CRUISE APPARATUS

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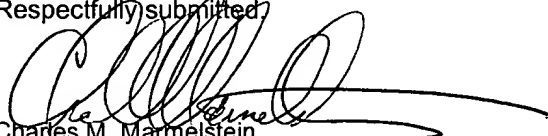
- ☒ 46 pages of Specification/Claims 1-20/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-17; 17 sheets) are attached.
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and one reference.
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-379392 filed December 13, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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BASIC FEE				\$ 370	OR		\$ 740
TOTAL CLAIMS	40 - 20	= 20	x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18	\$ 360
INDEP CLAIMS	6 - 3	= 3	x 42 =	\$	OR	x 84	\$ 252
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Respectfully submitted,


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